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SHORT COMMUNICATIONS

***Lasius brunneus* (Latreille) (Hymenoptera: Formicidae) in Cambridgeshire.** – A nest of the brown tree ant *Lasius brunneus* was found amongst dry cuboidal red-rotten heartwood in an old apple tree within a large complex of old orchards at Wilcock Farm, Wisbech St Mary (TF415075; VC29 Cambridgeshire), 27 May 2004. This site is the furthest north which this species has ever been found in England – the closest previous record is some 40–50 km away in TL17 (VC31 Huntingdonshire) (Alexander & Taylor, 1998).

Many thanks to Mike Lush who spotted my voucher specimen which had been overlooked amongst other dark *Lasius* sent to him for identification. The find was made during a survey being carried out for Just Ecology, under a contract with English Nature. – KEITH N.A. ALEXANDER, 59 Sweetbrier Lane, Heavitree, Exeter EX1 3AQ.

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***Capsopsylla fulguralis* (Kuwayama) (Hemiptera: Psyllidae) reaches Tresco.** – The appearance of the Asian jumping plant louse in the UK in 2002 was documented by Malumphy & Halstead (*BJENH* **16**: 89–93). Subsequent records (op.cit.) indicated that it was spreading very rapidly having reached Yorkshire in the north and west into Hampshire. On 5.iii.2006 I recorded two individuals of this psyllid from a patch of *Elaeagnus × ebbingei* near the island shop at New Grimsby, Tresco, about as far west in Britain that it can go (no hostplants seen on Bryher). This was towards the end of a prolonged cold spell during which most of mainland Britain had been suffering subzero temperatures and snow. Despite the inclement weather, insects were about: an amazing nine *Bombus terrestris* (L.) queens were observed nectaring on a single tree heather and a couple of vanessids were seen dashing along the coastal paths. – J. S. BADMIN, Coppice Place, Selling, Kent ME13 9RP.